

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Fugue in C Major Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
Voluntary in C Major John Stanley
Adagio – Andante
“Twelve” Short Pieces Samuel Wesley
no. 1 in G Major
no. 4 in A Minor
no. 9 in F Major
no. 13 in D Major

Introit

- “What Does the Lord Require of You?” Jim Strathdee
*What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.*

- *Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

- Minister: *Come to us this day, O God;*
People: **come to us with light.**
Minister: *Speak to us this day, O God;*
People: **speak to us your truth.**
Minister: *Dwell with us this day, O God;*
People: **dwell with us in love.**

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you have touched us with your grace
and awakened us by your Spirit.
We are deeply grateful
but confess that sometimes
we don't act very grace-filled or spiritually awake.
So where our familiarity with the Gospel
has desensitized us to its demanding truth;
where our relationship with Jesus Christ
has become more nostalgic than dynamic;
where our passion to be your body has grown lukewarm;
send your grace and mercy.
Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us,
that we may rise up again in peace
to love and serve your world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Anthem

"Give Me Jesus" African American spiritual
arr. Jerry Johnson

*In that morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus,
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Old Testament, page 545

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10. Old Testament, page 236

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“O Lord, Hear Our Prayer” Eric H. Thiman
O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come before thee.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Praise the Name of the Lord” from *All-Night Vigil* . . Sergei Rachmaninoff
Praise the name of the Lord. Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O you his servants. Alleluia.
Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem. Alleluia. O give thanks
unto the Lord, for God is good, Alleluia, for God’s mercy endures forever. Alleluia.
O give thanks unto the God of heaven. Alleluia.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your people
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Use these gifts to proclaim good news
to every nation and to every people.
Use our lives and the life of this church to reflect your mercy
and your promised freedom for all creation. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Rondeau Jean Joseph Mouret

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Eighty-six years ago this month, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and civil rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. On this weekend when we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we read here again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the Christian Century.

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true *ekklesia* and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

Worship Leaders

9:30 John W. Vest, Arlene Raine, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner
11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Arlene Raine, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Ruth Beckman and Cynthia Joho on behalf of the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope.

TODAY'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are being played from the East Balcony on a Jardine pipe organ built in 1850. The oldest playing organ in Chicago, the Jardine requires air to be pumped into the bellows by hand before being released into the pipes. For more information about this organ, please attend today's organ tour at 12:15 p.m.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo, taken in the Michigan Avenue courtyard during a snowstorm, depicts the top of a bush framed by one of the south Sanctuary windows in the background. The cover quote is from Martin Luther King Jr.'s Nobel Prize acceptance speech on December 10, 1964.

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